PUBLIC INFORMATION GUIDE

Accreditation Status, Verification, Transparency, and Public Disclosures - 2026

Purpose of This Public Information Guide

This guide explains how GCTEQA communicates accreditation-related information to institutions, students, families, employers, regulators, and the public. It is intended to support accurate, transparent, and responsible public communication.

Important: GCTEQA is an independent private accreditation and quality-assurance organization. GCTEQA accreditation does not, by itself, create governmental authorization to operate, degree-granting authority, eligibility for U.S. federal student financial aid, professional licensure eligibility, guaranteed transfer of credit, or guaranteed acceptance of a credential by another institution, employer, licensing authority, government agency, or credential evaluator.

Public Accreditation Information

- GCTEQA may publish an institution's legal or public name, location, institutional identification number, accreditation type, current status, effective date, scope, monitoring conditions, and other information designated for public disclosure.
- Public accreditation status should be verified using GCTEQA's official verification record or other official status communication.
- An institution may describe itself as GCTEQA accredited only after an authorized written accreditation decision has been issued.
- Applicant, pending, readiness-review, quality-review, or other non-accredited status must not be represented as accreditation.
- Accredited institutions are expected to keep public statements accurate and promptly correct materially inaccurate claims.

What the Public Should Verify

- Exact legal or public name of the institution.
- Current GCTEQA accreditation status.
- Accreditation type and approved scope.
- Effective date and, when applicable, review or reaffirmation information.
- Any publicly disclosed monitoring condition, sanction, limitation, or status change.
- Whether a claim appearing on another website matches GCTEQA's current official record.

Status Changes and Corrections

GCTEQA may update public information when an institution receives accreditation, renewal, monitoring, warning, probation, suspension, withdrawal, denial, closure-related action, or another decision under applicable policies. If a public statement is found to be inaccurate, GCTEQA may require correction and may update its own public record.

Use of GCTEQA Name, Seal, and Marks

The GCTEQA name, logo, seal, badge, and accreditation statements may be used only as authorized. Use must be accurate, must not imply governmental recognition or benefits that GCTEQA does not confer, and must stop or change when accreditation status changes.

Questions and Verification Requests

Verification requests should be submitted through the official verification method published on the GCTEQA website. When possible, provide the institution name, institution ID, certificate number, and the reason verification is requested.